

**Amendments to the Claims**

Kindly CANCEL 1 and 11 and ADD claim 12 as indicated in the listing below without prejudice to the subject matter involved. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 9 are canceled.

10. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 4 12, wherein said Coniferophyta plant is *Cryptomeria japonica*.

11. (canceled)

12. (New) A method for inhibiting the formation of Coniferophyta pollen, which comprises applying a pollinosis inhibiting effective amount of a composition comprising a prohexadione compound as an active ingredient to the Coniferophyta plant to be treated, wherein said prohexadione compound is represented by the following formula

